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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 70.7 degrees, 7.7 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 22. Precipitation averaged 1.32 inches, 0.61 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 30 points above normal.

Reporters rated 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 20. This is 1.4 days more than last year and 0.5 more than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 50 percent very short, 39 percent short, 11 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	6.0	6.9	118.1
2001	4.6	5.6	118.3
1997-2001 Average	5.5	5.8	121.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	50	39	11	0
Last Week	70	26	4	0
Same Week Last Year	9	22	60	9
1997-2001 Average	16	23	56	5

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Last week’s scattered thunderstorms brought much needed rainfall to the Buckeye State for the second week in a row. The recent rainfall has been most beneficial for the State’s hay and pasture lands but should also help some late planted and double-cropped soybeans fill pods. Unfortunately the rain came too late for most of the State’s corn acreage. As

of Sunday evening, 86 percent of the **Corn** acreage was dented, with reporters estimating 35 percent mature. Harvest continues on a very limited basis with 4 percent completed, but the pace should pick up this coming week as more acreage matures. Silage harvest continues at a feverish pace with 73 percent completed by week’s end. Current progress is running nearly two weeks ahead of normal. Seventy-two percent of the State’s **Soybean** acreage was dropping leaves by week’s end, slightly behind both last year and the five-year average pace. Twenty-nine percent of the acreage is considered mature, and 8 percent was harvested as of Sunday. **Alfalfa** growers are putting the finishing touches on this year’s third cutting, while 42 percent of the acreage has been harvested for the fourth time. An additional 11 percent of the third cutting of all **Other Hay** was completed last week, bringing the overall total to 78 percent. Some livestock producers who are worried about having enough hay to last the winter are bringing hay in from other locations or liquidating part of their herd. Summer vegetable harvest is winding down with 94 percent of **Cucumber** acreage, 84 percent of the **Processing tomato** acreage, and 68 percent of the **Potato** acreage harvested. An additional 8 percent of the **Fall and Winter Apple** acreage was harvested last week, and **Grape** producers harvested an additional 9 percent of their acreage. Other agricultural activities taking place last week included, spreading lime, applying fertilizer, spraying wheat stubble, working ground, preparing machinery for upcoming harvest, cleaning grain bins, spreading manure, overseeding pastures and hauling water.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Small improvements in crop conditions were reported last week due to the recent moisture, but the majority of the acreage continues to be rated in very poor-to-poor condition. The biggest improvement was seen in pastures where 26 percent is now rated in fair-to-good condition compared to only 21 percent rated in these two categories the previous week. Both hay and soybeans showed slight improvement, and cooler temperatures have helped alleviated some of the stress in livestock.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	98	96	94	96	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	42	52	NA	37	NA
Corn dented	86	91	93	74	90
Corn mature	35	37	41	25	45
Corn harvested for grain	4	3	4	1	9
Corn silage harvested	73	67	50	54	NA
Cucumbers harvested	94	94	NA	89	NA
Fall & Winter Apples harvested	30	31	32	22	NA
Grape acreage harvested	45	44	42	36	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	78	81	77	67	NA
Potatoes harvested	68	75	68	61	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	84	76	72	63	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	72	77	74	46	42
Soybeans mature	29	31	31	18	NA
Soybeans harvested	8	6	8	1	NA
Tobacco harvested	85	79	76	74	NA
Winter wheat planted	2	2	2	1	17

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	29	30	28	12	1
Previous Week	28	31	29	11	1
Previous Year	5	10	28	44	13
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	25	34	31	9	1
Previous Week	27	34	30	8	1
Previous Year	2	10	36	42	10
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	43	31	22	4	0
Previous Week	47	32	18	3	0
Previous Year	5	15	34	38	8
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	25	30	33	11	1
Previous Week	25	33	32	9	1
Previous Year	3	10	28	44	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	69.8	7.6	1.63	0.93	17.39	-2.77	136	42	3110	317
North Central	70.2	7.7	1.38	0.56	18.37	-2.40	135	41	3088	335
Northeast	69.0	7.8	1.15	0.18	20.90	-0.81	115	28	2819	225
West Central	70.8	7.8	1.56	0.98	20.42	-1.15	129	30	3238	329
Central	71.1	7.6	1.42	0.82	19.34	-2.58	127	26	3223	287
Central Hills	70.0	8.1	1.29	0.56	19.51	-2.54	121	29	3044	316
Northeast Hills	69.6	7.2	1.15	0.36	18.36	-3.53	119	25	3053	287
Southwest	72.0	7.8	1.68	1.06	24.49	1.74	132	27	3377	311
South Central	72.5	7.8	1.10	0.39	20.84	-0.77	135	26	3382	279
Southeast	71.4	8.0	0.86	0.12	20.33	-1.60	128	27	3202	278
STATE	70.7	7.7	1.32	0.61	20.06	-1.57	128	30	3167	296

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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